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Road and Trail Change-in-Use Statewide PEIR Scoping Workshops Set

November 13, 2010 @ Lake Perris SRA

California State Parks (CSP) has developed a Road and Trail Change-In-Use Evaluation Process (Program) to allow the Department to add and remove official recreational uses on roads and trails in State Park units. The Program provides an objective process to evaluate use, connectivity, and environmental impacts of recreational change-in-use. This Program does not apply to Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Park units.

CSP will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Change-In Use Evaluation Process to assess potential impacts caused by implementation of the Program. As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CSP filed a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on September 8, 2010. The NOP is available at the following California State Park's *CEQA Notices* page: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=980. Public input is an integral element in the process of preparing a Draft PEIR and CSP is seeking public input to discuss potential environmental impacts, develop alternatives and identify possible mitigation measures. For further information, visit www.parks.ca.gov/trails/usechangepeir.

CSP is hosting a public workshop in Southern California to discuss the Draft PEIR project with interested members of the public, organizations, and governmental agencies where attendees may also submit written comments. For detailed meeting information visit www.parks.ca.gov/trails/usechangepeir or submit an email request to ceqansc@parks.ca.gov. This is the second and final public scoping workshop regarding the Change-in-Use Evaluation Process Draft PEIR. The first workshop was held in San Francisco on September 25, 2010.

If unable to attend one of the public meetings, interested parties may submit comments to CSP by mail, fax, or email. Due to time limits mandated by State law, please submit comments to the Contact below **no later than November 30, 2010.** Include the full name, telephone number with area code, and email address of a contact person with each submittal.

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